

DETAILED ACTION

DRAWINGS

The Drawings submitted 1/6/2000 are accepted.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Attorney Stephan Filipek gave authorization for this examiner's amendment via facsimile, on November 20, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In line 8 of claim 1; line 11 of claim 33; line 10 of claim 36; and line 13 of claim 38; the language, “*arranging for the security deposit to be returned to the customer based on the performance of the task*” was changed to “*returning the security deposit to the customer based on the performance task*”.

Furthermore, in lines 1-2 of each of claims 25, 26, 27, and 28, the language, “*the method of claim 1, wherein said arranging for the security deposit to be returned to the customer comprises*” was changed to “*the method of claim 1, wherein returning the security deposit to the customer comprises*”.

Claim 10 was changed from withdrawn to cancelled.

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The Examiner noticed that the language of “arranging for the security deposit to be returned to the customer” was not in compliance with U.S.C. 101.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner is in agreement with reasons submitted by the Applicant. Therefore the Examiner is allowing the case.

A Non Patent Literature search was conducted and no relevant art was found.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luna Champagne whose telephone number is (571) 272-7177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Florian Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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